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The Honorable Fiona Ma
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1178 (Ma)** – As amended on April 4, 2011 – **OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Ma:

The County of San Bernardino has reviewed AB 1178 and must respectfully oppose this bill. This legislation would prohibit local agencies from restricting or limiting in any way the importation of solid waste into a county based on place of origin.

Currently, the County has a long-standing ordinance that allows for the disposal of solid waste generated outside the County at any facility within the County Solid Waste Disposal System provided that there is a written agreement allowing for such disposal. This ordinance has prevented the wholesale use of the County landfill for the disposal of solid waste generated outside the County and has enabled us to preserve landfill capacity sufficient to meet our solid waste needs within the County.

It is essential that the County retain the ability to manage the acceptance of disposal of waste generated outside the County in order to achieve optimum life of our disposal sites. The discharge of unlimited waste originating out of the County shortens the landfill life and effects short and long range planning of waste disposal. Furthermore, the bill erodes local control by removing the County's discretion on how we operate our landfill sites.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino opposes AB 1178. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES

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San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors